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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Bicycle sharing programs have been growing
3 rapidly in communities and universities across the nation and
4 here in the State of Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, The use of bicycles is a popular mode of
6 transportation at the State's public universities for students
7 to travel quickly around campus when going between classes,
8 heading to the library, and meeting with friends; and

9 WHEREAS, University students live a very active lifestyle,
10 which a bicycle greatly accommodates; besides being a mode of
11 transportation around campus, students are able to use their
12 bicycle for exercise; and

13 WHEREAS, At numerous universities across the country,
14 various types of bicycle sharing programs have been developed
15 to help meet the needs of their students and provide options to
16 travel around their campuses; and

17 WHEREAS, Students at these universities have been very
18 receptive of the ride sharing programs because it has saved
19 countless time on travel between classes that can be utilized
20 in other areas; and

1 WHEREAS, Students at these universities with ride sharing
2 programs in place have also enjoyed them because it reduces
3 traffic congestion, with students opting to ride a bicycle
4 before asking friends for rides to and from class; and

5 WHEREAS, A bicycle ride sharing program on Illinois public
6 university campuses could greatly benefit our students with
7 many of the same benefits that have helped students on other
8 university campuses, such as Northern Illinois University;
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
12 we encourage Illinois public universities to consider the
13 possibility of starting a bicycle sharing program and
14 specifically look into whether a bicycle sharing program would
15 be financially feasible, environmentally friendly, and
16 convenient for students.